

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

James W. Warner, et al.

Serial No.: 10/656,800

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For: METHOD AND MECHANISM FOR
HANDLING ARBITRARILY-SIZED
XML IN SQL OPERATOR TREE

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) Group Art Unit: 2168
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 17, 2006, please amend the application as follows. This response is being filed concurrently with a request for continued examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 11.